

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As bipartisan members of the California Congressional Delegation, we urge you to support an adequate level of funding for the California High Speed Rail Authority for the coming year.

The Authority is a key element in the effort link Southern California to the Bay Area through the proposed high speed rail system. The time is at hand for the Authority to begin numerous activities associated with preliminary development if the system is to be constructed in a timely manner. The California legislature is completing work on funding for the Authority for the coming year and we urge you to accept the legislature's funding level, so that they may complete their work.

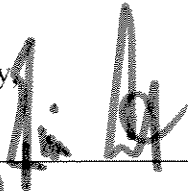
As you know, the population of our state is projected to increase to at least 50 million people by 2025. Our existing transportation infrastructure, including highways, bridges, mass transit, harbors and airports is already strained. A high speed rail system would alleviate the growing strain as well as provide great benefits to our efforts to improve air quality and cut vehicle emissions across the state, save enormous quantities of gasoline now consumed by traffic and slow the deterioration of our highways. We cannot build sufficient highway and airport capacity to efficiently and economically provide for the transportation needs of our fast-growing population. We need to develop a balanced system by providing our citizens with multiple transportation options for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.


California has always looked to the future and that attitude guides how we should plan for solving our transportation needs. You have taken numerous actions that have implemented bipartisan projects and programs. You have an opportunity to further that approach to government and public policy by adequately funding the Authority.

Your recent iteration of support the high speed rail system is commendable. Implementation of an adequate budget for the Authority would help fulfill your commitment.

We look forward to working with you at the federal level for financial support as further developments with the high speed rail system occur.

Sincerely,

  
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